

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated January 25, 2005. Applicant has amended Claims 15 and 26 by incorporating features of respective dependent claims therein. No new matter has been added, and the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the claims. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

At paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, Examiner states that Claims 33-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Also, at paragraph 3, Examiner states that Claims 1-14 and 36-49 are allowed. Applicant has amended independent Claim 26, by incorporating the features of conditionally allowed Claim 33 (now canceled). The incorporation of allowable material into Claim 26 places that Claims 26-35 in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claim 15 now includes similar allowable subject matter, thus placing Claims 15-25 in condition for allowance.

With the above amendments, each independent claim now recites allowable subject matter. The amendments to the independent claims places all claims in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests Examiner extend the allowance to include all pending claims.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

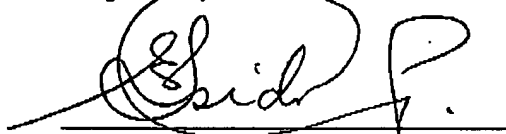
At paragraph 5 of the present Office Action, Claims 15-25 and 26-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Sherman* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0093613 A1). As stated above, Applicants have incorporated allowable subject matter into both independent Claims 15 and 26, thus overcoming the present §102 rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has diligently responded to the Office Action by incorporating allowable subject matter into the rejected independent claims, making those claims allowable. The amendments overcome the §102 rejection, and Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicant further requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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